

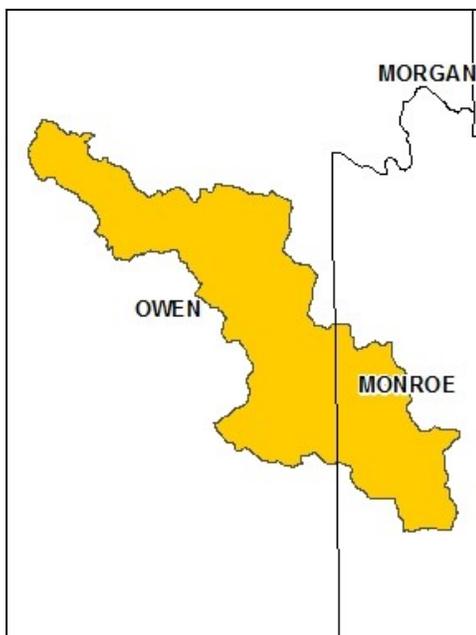
# 2013 Clean Water Indiana Grant



LEAD DISTRICT: OWEN  
 COLLABORATING DISTRICT: MONROE  
 TARGET WATERSHEDS: MCCORMICK'S CREEK, LOWER WHITE RIVER  
 PROJECT NAME: MCCORMICKS' CREEK WATERSHED NITRIFICATION, SEDIMENTATION AND BACTERIAL REDUCTION PARTNERSHIP  
 PROJECT DATES: 1/1/2013-12/31/2015  
 PROJECT AMOUNT: \$70,000



**Purpose: Implement conservation practices in the watershed to reduce nitrification, sedimentation and bacteria in waterways**



Owen County SWCD is partnering with Monroe County SWCD in order to collaborate with and educate watershed residents in an effort to accomplish three main objectives.

Firstly, the project is anchored by working with landowners/farmers owning large parcels on the upper reaches of the watershed. Buffer strips, re-pasturing, moveable fencing, grazing education and livestock watering assistance to ensure creek bank stabilization on the northern most reaches of the watershed are the initial priorities in order to reduce bacteria, etc.

Concomitantly, funding will be utilized to hire additional support staff, namely, a watershed coordinator, to begin to do the groundwork of meeting face-to-face with as many key landowners as is possible. Building trust and relationships while developing understandings of the needs and desires of watershed residents is key to successful economic and timely delivery of funding for BMPs ultimately ensuring the greatest impact upon bacterial, nitrification and sedimentation reduction in the McCormick's Creek Watershed.

The third phase of the project is laying the groundwork for the development of easements/buffer strips along the Upper McCormick's Creek.

The Clean Water Indiana (CWI) Program was established to provide financial assistance to landowners and conservation groups. The financial assistance supports the implementation of conservation practices which will reduce nonpoint sources of water pollution through education, technical assistance, training, and cost sharing programs.

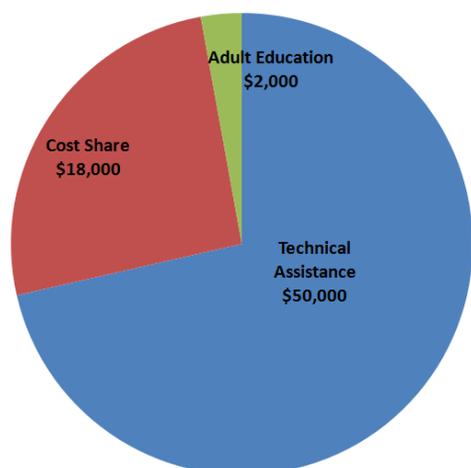
The CWI fund is administered by the Division of Soil Conservation under the direction of the State Soil Conservation Board. The (CWI) Program is responsible for providing local matching funds as well as grants for sediment and nutrient reduction projects through Indiana's Soil and Water Conservation Districts. CWI also contributes critical state matching funds for Indiana's Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program, an initiative which utilizes federal funds to encourage landowners to conserve environmentally sensitive land.

Furthermore, the (CWI) Program has supported the Conservation Cropping Systems Initiative which focuses on management systems approach to crop production which results in improved soil and water quality as well as profitability on Indiana cropland.

During state fiscal year 2013, the State Soil Conservation Board awarded ten Clean Water Indiana grants totaling \$612,000. Grant funds can be used for Cost Share Incentives, Technical Assistance, and Adult Education (maximum of \$1,500 per year).

## PROJECT GOALS:

WATERWAYS: 8.5 ACRES  
 COVER CROPS: 6,000 ACRES  
 LIVESTOCK SYSTEMS: 5  
 NUTRIENT/PEST MANAGEMENT: 900 ACRES



**The McCormick's Creek Watershed feeds directly through McCormick's Creek State Park.**



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